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1. RCAA NOTES THAT RECENT REPORTING BY U.S. AVIATION PRESS VISITING USSR AFTER PARIS AIR SHOW INDICATES THAT ILYUSHIN IL-86 DESIGN CONCEPT HAS BEEN REVISED WITH THE FOURT AFT-MOUNTED ENGINES BEING LOCATED UNDER WINGS, TO COUNTER NATURAL WING BENDING MOVEMENT, AND THUS OBVIATING STRUCTURAL WEIGHT PENALTIES (REFTEL PARA-GRAPH 4).

2. HOWEVER, IL-86 DESIGNER GENRIKH V. NOVOZHILOV IS QUOTED BY AVIATION DAILY, JUNE 25, AS CONFIRMING THAT THE AIRCRAFT WILL BE EQUIPPED WITH CONVENTIONAL SOLOVIEV
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ENGINES, IL-86 SHOULD NOT BE ABLE TO OFFER SAME FUEL ECONOMIES AND ENGINE-MAINTAINABILITY AS AMERICAN WIDE-BODIED AIRCRAFT DC-10, L-1011, 747SR, ALL OF WHICH ARE EQUIPPED WITH ADVANCED-TECHNOLOGY, LOW-NOISE LEVEL, HIGH BYPASS-RATION, LOW-SPECIFIC-FUEL-CONSUMPTION, MAINTAINABILITY-ORIENTED (MODULAR CONCEPT) ENGINES.

3. WHILE U.S. WIDEBODIED ENTRANTS FOR FUTURE INDIAN AIRLINES WIDEBODIED REQUIREMENT ARE ALL IN SCHEDULED SERVICE (EXCEPT FOR SPECIAL 747 VERSION 747SR SOON TO ENTER SERVICE WITH JAL), IL-86 IS STILL IN DESIGN STAGE, WITH AVAILABILITY NOT BEFORE 1976, AT EARLIEST. HOUGHTON

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